

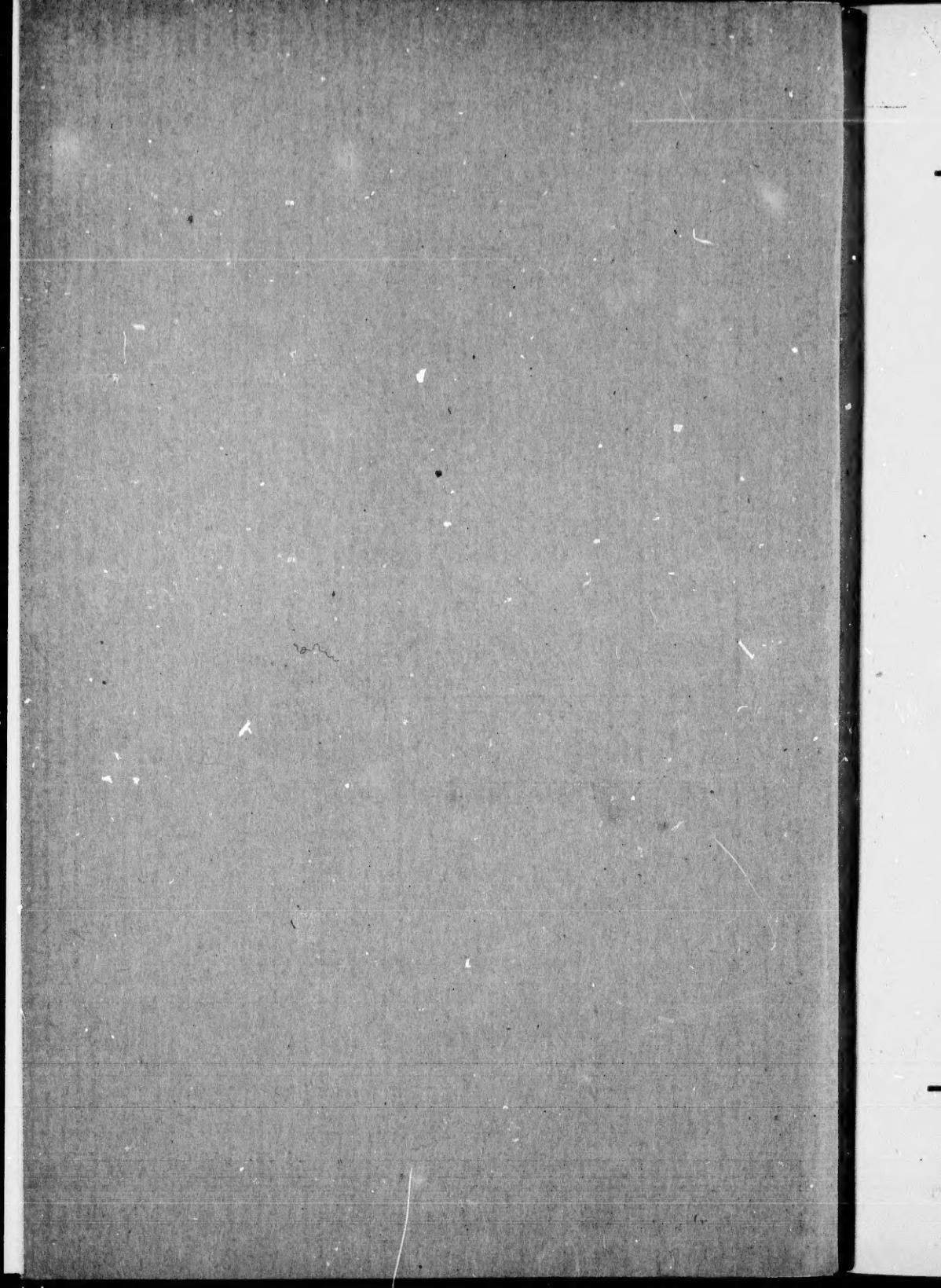


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The Honourable Thomas White; in whose memory this window has been erected, requires no long eulogy in the Dominion of Canada, and least of all in the city of Montreal. He had so identified himself with the political, commercial and social life of this country that his loss was felt as a public calamity of no ordinary kind. During the whole of his life he was actively engaged in writing for the press, first as editor of the *Quebec Gazette*, then of the *Peterborough Review*, of which he was one of the founders, then of the *Hamilton Spectator*, and lastly of the *Montreal Gazette*, which he edited until he was called to a seat in the Cabinet. His knowledge of political and constitutional matters and his acquaintance with the statesmen of all parties was exceptionally extensive; for his duties as correspondent, or as Member, or as Minister, had drawn him to the seat of government during every session of Parliament, with two exceptions, since 1852. His knowledge of the commercial interests of Canada was equally extensive. He was long a member of the Montreal Board of Trade and of the Dominion Board of Trade, and, as a delegate to the latter body, he had taken part in the proceedings of the National Board of Trade of the United States at its meetings in Washington, St. Louis and elsewhere. He was a ready and eloquent speaker. Early in life he was deputed by the Ontario Government as Special Commissioner to visit Great Britain, and to give information as to the resources of Canada and the advantages it affords to emigrants, and often, in different cities of Canada, was he invited as a lecturer to discuss the social and political questions of the day. His ready pen and eloquent tongue largely contributed to mould public opinion for a period of thirty years

From an early period of life the temperance movement interested him and he continued to be a total abstainer to the day of his death. He was also, for a time, interested in Free-Masonry, and after he left Hamilton to reside in Montreal he was elected honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was a member of the Council of Arts and Manufactures of the Province of Quebec from its inception until he became a Cabinet Minister.

The Anglican Church had in him an attached member. For many years he was a delegate to the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal and to the Provincial Synod. He never ceased to take an interest in the deliberations of those bodies, and, as one of the governors of the Montreal General Hospital, he was active in the practical duties of Christian life.

In 1878 he was elected member of the House of Commons for Cardwell, which constituency he represented until his death. In 1885 he was called upon to assume the duties of a Cabinet Minister, and, as Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian affairs, he gave to his country the experience, the talents and assiduity for which he was remarkable throughout life.

It is not surprising therefore that his sudden death in the very prime of his usefulness, and maturity of his powers, excited a sympathy most unusual and wide-spread throughout the land. In his native city of Montreal his death was very keenly felt, and a number of the citizens whose names are appended erected this window to his memory in the church where he used to worship.

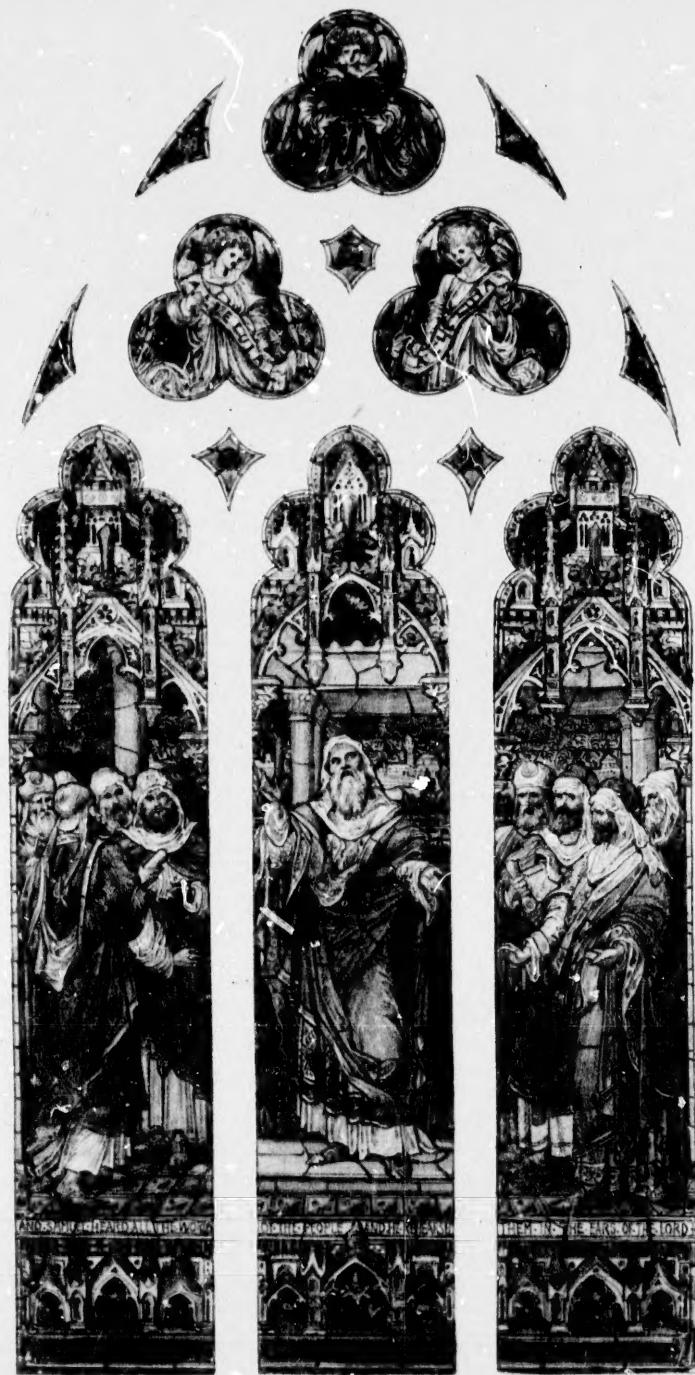
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The Memorial Window represented by the photographic reduction on the opposite page was placed at Christmas, 1888, in the west aisle of St. George's Church, Montreal, to commemorate the public and private virtues of the Hon. Thomas White. It is the last window in the aisle and the next to the transept. It was designed by Mr. Charles Elliott of London, England, and was executed there, under the directions of Messrs. Spence & Sons, of Montreal, who put it up in the church. The size of the window is 14 feet by 7 feet. The subject illustrated is from I. Samuel, viii., 21: "And Samuel heard all the words of the people and rehearsed them in the ears of the Lord." It recalls that turning point in the history of the People of Israel when they inaugurated the change in their political institutions which assimilated them to the surrounding nations. The colour cannot, of course, be shown in the photograph. It is very rich and effective. The drawing will be seen to be correct and firm, and the composition to be solemn and dignified.

The contributions exceeded the amount required for the window. The surplus was applied to the qualification for a life-governorship on the Board of Management of the Montreal General Hospital for Mr. Robert S. White, the present Member for Cardwell, in order that he might succeed his father there also, and in a place which drew forth all his father's kindly sympathies.



